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SUBJ: PRESIDENT JAWARA RETURNS FROM MAURITIUS OAU
CONFERENCE, AND VISIT TO FRANCE

1. FOLLOWING MONTH'S ABSENCE SIR DAWDA JAWARA RETURNED
BANJUL EVENING JULY 12. SHORTLY THEREAFTER HE GAVE
PRESS CONFERENCE AT STATE HOUSE. HIGHLIGHTS FOLLOW.

2. PRESIDENT SAID OAU SESSION HAD DONE ALL IT COULD,
CONSIDERING UNEXPECTED DEVELOPMENTS WITH WHICH IT FORCED
TO DEAL. HE POINTED OUT THAT WHILE POLITICAL ITEMS
CAPTURE HEADLINES, OAU ALSO DEEPLY INVOLVED IN LESS
PUBLICIZED ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL ENDEAVORS.

3. DECLARING THAT SOWETO WAS SYMPTOMATIC OF WORSE
THINGS TO COME, SIR DAWDA SAID SOUTHERN AFRICANS WILL
NO LONGER TOLERATE OPPRESSION. SOUTH AFRICA IS A
VOLCANO, PRESIDENT REMARKED, ADDING THAT SA BLACKS WILL
FIGHT FOR FREEDOM. HE CRITICIZED "WESTERN POWERS"
FOR SIDING WITH OPPRESSORS, BUT SAID SECRETARY
KISSINGER'S RECENT AFRICAN INITIATIVES RAISE HOPE US
POLICY HAS CHANGED TO INCLUDE LIFE, LIBERTY, AND
PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS FOR ALL AFRICANS.

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4. PARIS VISIT, SIR DAWDA SAID HE HELD DISCUSSIONS ON

FRENCH PARTICIPATION IN GAMBIAN FIVE YEAR PLAN. HE
ALSO REPORTED THAT CFAO (LARGEST EXPATRIATE TRADING FIRM
IN THE GAMBIA), HAS INDICATED ITS FURTHER CONFIDENCE IN
THIS COUNTRY.

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